

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on March 12, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Brad Newman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Gillan (D), Rep. Christopher Harris (D), Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D), Rep. Michael Lange (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 84, 2/27/2003; SB 103, 3/7/2003;
SB 146, 3/7/2003

Executive Action: SB 84, BE CONCURRED IN, 14-0
SB 103, BE CONCURRED IN, 14-0

HEARING ON SB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00 SEN. COCCHIARELLA, SD 32 -- Short Title: Remove
requirement that Board of Oil and Gas report to Revenue
and Transportation Interim Comm.

EXHIBIT (nah52a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

04:00 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association

05:00 Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

06:00

HEARING ON SB 103

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

07:00 SEN. LAIBLE, SD 30 -- Short Title: Remove requirement
that Board of Oil and Gas report to Revenue and
Transportation Interim Comm.

EXHIBIT (nah52a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:00 Sandi Olsen, Department of Environmental Quality

EXHIBIT (nah52a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

12:00

Closing by Sponsor:

23:00

HEARING ON SB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

24:00 **SEN. ANDERSON, SD 28 -- Short Title:** Eliminate certain
energy loan and grant programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

27:00 Tom Livers, Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

32:00

Closing by Sponsor:

39:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 84 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that SB 84 BE PLACED ON THE
CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 103

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 103 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:46 P.M.

REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nah52aad)